

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 04-71

September 22, 2004

Petition of Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric for a G.L. c. 164, § 72 determination that a proposed 3-mile 115 kV overhead electric transmission line through the Towns of Framingham, Natick, and Sherborn, Massachusetts will serve the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.

The Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") will review NSTAR Electric's ("NSTAR") petition, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, for a determination that its proposed 115 kV transmission line is necessary for the purpose alleged, will serve the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.

The proposed 3-mile overhead electric transmission line would replace, in an adjacent and parallel location, a portion of an existing 115 kV transmission line currently located on one side of a set of double circuit steel towers along an existing right-of-way in Framingham, Natick, and Sherborn. Beginning in Framingham, the relocated line would tie into the existing 115 kV line that emanates from NSTAR's existing Speen Street Substation, located near the intersection of Speen Street and Cochituate Road. The tie-in point would be at the southeast corner of the AMC Theaters complex located on Flutie Pass between the Natick Mall and Shoppers World. From there, the relocated line would run southwesterly to the southeast corner of the Shoppers World complex before turning south and crossing Route 9 into Natick. On the south side of Route 9, the proposed line would continue south and, at approximately one mile from the project's northern starting point, would cross Hartford Street. The relocated line would then proceed south, crossing the MBTA rail line and Route 135. From there, the relocated line would continue south to southwest, crossing the Natick/Sherborn town boundary, an MWRA aqueduct and a CSX rail line. At its endpoint in Sherborn, just after the CSX rail line crossing, the relocated line would tie back into the existing 115 kV line, which extends to NSTAR Leland Street Substation.

The Department will conduct a public hearing on this petition on Thursday, October 14, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Room, Morse Institute Library, 14 E. Central Street, Natick, MA 01760. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment and respond to questions about NSTAR's request for a determination that its proposed transmission line is necessary for the purpose alleged, will serve the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.

Any person who desires to submit written comments may do so by filing an original and 5 copies

of such comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110 no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 22, 2004. A copy of such comments also must be filed with regulatory counsel for the petitioner, Mary E. Grover, Assistant General Counsel, NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation, 800 Boylston Street, P1700, Boston, MA 02199-8003.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition to intervene or participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell at the above address no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 22, 2004. Any petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R., § 1.03. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing or postmark -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver pursuant to 220 C.M.R., § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition filed pursuant to 220 C.M.R., § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Petitions to intervene also should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 04-71); (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either WordPerfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word (naming the document with an ".doc" suffix), or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. A petition to intervene or participate also should be filed with regulatory counsel for the Petitioner, Mary E. Grover, Assistant General Counsel, NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation, 800 Boylston Street, P1700, Boston, MA 02199-8003.

A copy of NSTAR's filing is available for public inspection during normal business hours (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) at the offices of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110. A copy of NSTAR's filing will also be available for public inspection at the Framingham Public Library in Framingham, the Morse Institute Library and Bacon Free Library in Natick, and the Sherborn Library in Sherborn, and Framingham Town Hall, Natick Town Hall, and Sherborn Town Hall no later than 14 days prior to the date of the public hearing. Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice may contact Denise L. Desautels, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110, at (617) 305-3525.